

# MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

## A CHINCH BUG KILLER.

Gets \$130 per Head for Cattle—  
G. B. Moore Buys Fine Sheep.

Henry Youngblood, near Martinsburg, has in a field of 50 acres of wheat and since the late rain it is looking fine. His neighbor, Ben Bertels, has in 35 acres of wheat which is also looking fine. Mr. Bertels says he has seen a few chinch bugs this year. He thinks the fertilizers used is killing the bug off, to which every wheat raiser will say amen.

Lewis & Sims, who marketed cattle in Chicago last week, got \$130 a head for them. They averaged 1576 pounds. But wasn't that a good price, all right?

G. B. Moore and wife of near Vandalia attended the State Fair at Sedalia. Mr. Moore bought three fine Shropshire sheep while there for \$100—a buck and two ewes. Mr. Moore has a fine flock of sheep on his farm and makes sheep-raising pay.

John Baick of Perry sold two fox hounds the other day for \$35. John Snider of near Santa Fe also sells fox hounds; has some now he will put up against any of 'em.

Chris Creigh, in Santa Fe neighborhood, has 2,000 bushels of oats on hands.

New corn is selling at 60 cents a bushel at Santa Fe.

Fred Roberts sold to Wm. Lee a work mule for \$25.

F. E. Wentz has bought a 280 acre farm, within a mile of the sidewalk of Burlington, (the county seat) Kansas. He thinks he has a bargain and will move to it next March.

Emmet Mundy sold a horse mule colt to T. E. Davenport for \$61.

Wallace Dearing bought a jeunet on the streets the other day for \$3.50. Wallace will not buy an automobile this year.

W. U. Coit at Laddonia is feeding 95 heifers and 353 head of sheep. He is gathering 80 acres of corn which is averaging more than 45 bushels to the acre.

Moss & Ball of Vandalia bought 12 head of horses in Sturgeon a few days ago.

The Apex Realty Co. of St. Louis has bought the Bickley Pasture, in northeast Mexico. It is said that ten new dwelling houses will be erected on the ground this winter.

W. O. Smith, the young auctioneer of near Gant, thinks that if our county fair management would spend half the money it pays out on fine horses for premiums on farm products, the fair would get a good deal more attention and support from the farmers, and he points to Ferris & Cauthorn's corn show last week as proof.

Henry Sanneberk sold a red cow to W. R. Wisdom for \$38.

Mrs. Scott sold a black mare mule to Maj. Geo. B. Ramsey for \$67.

Fred Roberts sold a span of two year old mules to Chas. Schopp for \$145.

Frank Elliott sold a gray mare on the streets here last Saturday to Bob Lockridge for \$3.00. The mare is a little ancient as to age, but she may get there next year with a \$100 colt and then Lockridge will be laughing last.

Coweta is a new feed now on the market, containing cottonseed meal and other fattening elements and is said to be wonderfully cheap compared with corn, bran or concentrates. Cottonseed meal is bringing the highest prices ever known. Linseed meal is a most expensive proposition, corn is high and comparatively scarce, and it might be well for Audrain county feeders to investigate Coweta if they wish to save on their feed bills.

## LADDONIA KORN EARNIVAL.

List of Awards—Notes and Other Mentions.

Laddonia did herself proud last week—during her three days Korn Karnival. The weather was ideal thruout, except within about three hours of the close on the last day a heavy wind cloud with rain and hail came up and tore down some of the tents, injuring slightly some of the needle work displays. There was nothing else to mar.

C. A. Smith, the president, was here and there and everywhere, to see that things went right, while Dr. Rex Hancock, the careful and efficient secretary, worked from morn till night to help in his line of the work. The citizens of the town and whole surrounding section of country took great interest in the Karnival. Some of the displays, notably the fruits and corn, were the best we ever saw grown on the soil of Missouri.

The town was beautifully lighted up by electricity at night and the whole little city was in her best holiday attire.

We cannot go into particulars as to the displays. However, we might mention here some of the relics shown, which were most interesting:

Edwin Machin, near Martinsburg, showed a watch charm, with Masonic emblems thereon, worn by one of his ancestors, a pastor of a Presbyterian church in England, in the 14th century.

A watch charm was shown made from a piece of rope from the Battle Ship Maine, destroyed in Havanna harbor.

A lady's back hair comb, as wide square as your two hands, was shown, worn 95 years ago.

Adams' Arithmetic, published in 1810.

Eliza Day, a book published in 1763.

A coffee pot 100 years old.

Two deeds, one signed by Martin Van Buren and the other signed by Andrew Jackson.

Flat iron, 100 years old.

**Awards.**  
Best peck white corn, Chas. Green.  
Best peck yellow corn, Bib Landrum.  
Best 25 ears red corn, John Hanger.  
Best 25 ears yellow corn, John Hanger.

Stalk with most ears, Jim Ware.  
Ten largest ears, J. P. Wilson.  
Top corn, Hollis Crigler.  
Brown corn, S. Hagerman.  
Twelve ears white corn, J. C. Teague.  
Twelve ears yellow corn, J. L. Spencer.

Tallest stalk of corn, M. O. Clutter.  
Best bu. of corn, D. M. Price.  
Ten ears yellow Dent, E. Shobe.  
Ten ears Calico corn, Jno. Hanger.  
Best peck wheat, W. E. Thompson.  
Special peck wheat, C. A. Mollett.  
Best bu. black oats, Chas. Claiborne.  
Best bu. red oats, E. T. Bashears.  
Best display vegetables, G. E. Heater.  
Best display beets, Mrs. Frank Barnes.

Best peck potatoes, R. S. Mecklin.  
Largest sweet potato, Sam Fuqua.  
Peck sweet potatoes, Sam Fuqua.  
Turnips, Jno. Quintance.

Best window display of farm products, Lasher & Denmark.  
Oldest relic on grounds, Masonic emblem watch charm, Edw. Machin, Martinsburg.

Best display apples, Geo. Day.  
Best display pears, J. E. Moomaw.  
Best plate persimmons, Ernest Gauray.

Best devil's food cake, Mrs. Tobe Dubray.

Best plate cookies, Mrs. Tobe Dubray.

Best plate doughnuts, Mrs. Joe Smith.

Best 1-2 doz. glasses jelly, Mrs. E. A. Lofton.

Onions, Ben McVay.

Peck apples, Jno. Stevens.

Peck peaches, J. C. Moore.

Display farm products, G. E. Heater.

Largest pumpkin, Ethel Edwards.

Largest squash, J. A. Edwards.

Best glass of jelly, Mrs. M. Knipfel.

Prettiest baby, Anna Margaret Davis, Vandalia, daughter of T. M. Davis.

Prettiest girl baby, under 1 yr. Virginia Pittman of Rush Hill.

Prettiest boy baby, under 1 yr. Ford Stotler, Laddonia.

Best loaf bread, (Fanchon) four Mrs. Geo. Day.

Best loaf yeast bread, Mrs. Geo. Day.

Best loaf salt rising, Mrs. Ben McVay.

Best cake, Mrs. Tobe Dubray.

Best pie, Mrs. Jim Ware.

Best display preserves, Mrs. J. W. Hancock.

Largest family registering at Musgrave's store, Mrs. G. W. Allen, 13 in family.

Best qt. pear preserves, Mrs. Pete Bashears.  
Best qt. peach sweet pickle, Mrs. L. A. Best.  
Best pound butter, Mrs. B. Stevens.  
Best pound butter, D. M. Price.  
Tallest wheat, Mrs. E. A. Lofton.  
Best display colored embroidery, Mrs. E. D. Vandeventer.  
Best 3 pieces battenberg, Mrs. Effie McDaniel.  
Prettiest hand made lunch cloth, Mrs. C. E. Mayhall.  
Prettiest collection emb pillow cases, Mrs. Maud Bell.  
Prettiest sofa pillow, Mrs. G. L. Roberts.

Prettiest piece eyelet embroidery, Mrs. E. McDaniel.  
Prettiest piece shadow embroidery, Mrs. G. W. Rowley.  
Prettiest embroidered waist, Mrs. G. W. Rowley.  
Prettiest pin cushion, Miss Effie Faddie.

Prettiest quilt, Mrs. R. H. Leet.

Prettiest centerpiece, Miss Allene Logan.

Prettiest article burnt wood, Mrs. Mayo Alexander.

Best made calico dress, Mrs. M. L. Travis.

Prettiest dresser and washstand set, Mrs. C. E. Mayhall.

Best hen, Fred Hamilton.

Best rooster, J. H. Bridgford.

Best pair chickens, Ben Stevens.

Best coop chickens, W. H. Logan.

Best Rhode I. reds, Geo. Day.

Best White Wyandottes, J. H. Bridgford.

Best pair ducks, Geo. Maxwell.

Oldest man on grounds, R. E. Ball, Troy, Mo., born Feb. 8, 1820.

Oldest lady, Mrs. J. M. Culbertson, born May 16, 1834.

Best boar, any breed, Jno. Hagan.

Best sow, any breed, Jno. Hagan.

Best herd, W. E. Thompson.

Best individual Short-horn, J. H. Brown.

Best individual Jersey, Jno. McCune.

**Horses, 1st Day.**

Best draft horse colt, Wm. Adams, 1st; Ben Stevens, 2nd.

Best draft mare colt, Wm. Adams, 1st; Wm. Adams, 2nd.

Best draft horse, mare or gelding, Frank Gorman.

Best lady driver, Mrs. Monroe.

Best colt by Henry Gratton, any sex, John Morris.

Best harness mare or gelding, Geo. Ramey, Jr., 1st; Geo. Ramey, Sr., 2nd.

**2nd Day.**

Best horse colt, Ben Stevens, 1st; Roy Travis, 2nd.

Finest horse, mare or gelding, G. W. Ramey, 1st; J. R. Hodge, 2nd.

Best harness team, G. W. Ramey, 1st; J. T. Anderson, 2nd.

Saddle mare, horse or gelding, under 15 hands, Jack Brown, 1st; Chas. Edwards, 2nd.

Best horse mule colt, Edw. Machin, 1st; W. K. Gass, 2nd.

Best pair mules shown in harness, Tom Sholl, Vandalia, 1st; Geo. Brown, Belleflower, 2nd.

**3rd Day.**

Best saddle mare, any age, G. W. Ramey, 1st; Field Bros, 2nd.

Saddle gelding, any age, G. W. Ramey, 1st; Field Bros, 2nd.

Saddle horse, mare or gelding, Field Bros, 1st; G. W. Ramey, 2nd.

Best walk, trot or canter, Field Bros, 1st; G. W. Ramey, 2nd.

Best harness horse, mare or gelding, Field Bros, 1st; G. W. Ramey, 2d.

Brood mare with colt, G. W. Ramey.

Best gentleman rider over 50 years, G. W. Ramey, 1st; Jas. Fairies, 2nd.

Best boy rider, Raymond Brown.

**Jacks.**

Best jack, 3 years and under 4, Jno. Jerman, 1st; G. W. Ramey, 2nd.

Best jack, 2 years and under 3, Wm. Cornett, 1st; Wm. Cornett, 2nd.

Best jack, 1 year and under 2, Wm. Cornett, 1st; W. H. Claire, 2nd.

Sweetstake Jack, John Jerman.

Best old fellow, Geo. Morris.

Largest foot, any man on ground, James Montague, No. 12 shoe.

**Mrs. Mears Dead.**

Mrs. W. J. Mears of Foley, Mo., came to Mexico two or three weeks ago to visit her sister here, Mrs. Homer Mears, and while here took ill with appendicitis. Last Friday morning she underwent an operation and later in the day she died. She was 24 years of age. The husband survives her. The body was shipped to her home for burial.

**Terror to Law Breakers.**

The Columbia Herald comments as follows:

Over in Audrain, Prosecuting Attorney Ernest Gant is proving a terror to the violators of the local option laws. Fines of \$300 were assessed in nearly every case.

E. B. Campbell of Auxvasse sold at auction a \$1,000 Reo five passenger automobile at the Laddonia Korn Karnival last Thursday. It only brought \$550 and Charlie Stevens was the buyer.

Mrs. E. M. Roberts and family of this city have moved to St. Louis.

## GREAT CORN SHOW.

J. C. Beasley Winner Against 214 Exhibits.

The Ferris & Cauthorn Corn Show last week proved one of the most interesting and attractive things ever held in Mexico.

There were 214 exhibits and among them there were samples of corn, many thought, that would equal or excel anything shown at either the Missouri State Fair or the State Fair at Springfield, Ill.

Prof. A. H. Demaree, of the College of Agriculture of the State University, judged the samples of corn. J. C. Beasley, of near Benton City, had the finest corn of the 214 samples on display. He gets the J. I. Case corn planter, Arthur Irick, north of Mexico, had second best; Fred Corder, of Auxvasse, was third, and Frank Corder, fourth.

Mr. Beasley's corn was the Boone County White. He says he is going to change the name of it to "Beasley's Pride." The samples he showed here, and which won the blue ribbon, were from corn grown from the pick of 18 bushels last spring. Mr. Beasley thinks you can better breed your corn up than down if you will be careful in selecting your seed.

Fourteen ears of the best samples on display were selected and scored.

Prof. Demaree delivered a lecture Saturday afternoon, listened to by a large crowd over Ferris & Cauthorn's store, and the following were some of his observations:

Just simply the fact that corn might be a prize winner in a show does not necessarily recommend it as the very best corn to grow. In all our shows we aim to pick that corn which is the best seed corn combined with the best of appearances. In cases where the corn is lacking seriously in vitality or is lacking in breed type, the sample is not considered and consequently fails to win.

There have been great numbers of corn shows held over this and neighboring States within the last few years and it has been found that where interest has been taken in such shows there has been a decided increase in the yield of corn. This comes from the fact that by the use of the score card and the principles embodied in it the very best of corn is secured; that is to say, the samples that win are those that have the most corn on. The whole score card is fitted to pick out those ears which will shell the highest per cent of corn on cob.

It can easily be seen that if all of those ears which are imperfect could have been filled out with good corn the increase in yield would have been considerable. Aside from that, the score card picks those ears and samples which have the most perfect grains and the best germ.

**"The McMillan" Staff.**

The staff for "The McMillan" the High School annual, has been chosen, as follows: Poole Harrison, editor-in-chief; Ralph Wayne, assistant editor-in-chief; Miss Addie Cunningham, secretary; Roy Wright, business manager; Bush Atchison, advertising manager; Sydney Houston, joke editor; Miss Minerva Pearson, assistant joke editor.

**Mrs. Meyers Dead.**

Mrs. Vinita May Meyers, 32 years of age, the wife of F. F. Meyers, died at her home in this city last Saturday of tuberculosis of the bowels. The husband and one daughter, nine years of age, survive her. Father J. J. Dillon conducted funeral services and the body was shipped to Hannibal for burial.

## KILLED IN MINE.

Laddonia Young Man Falls to His Death in Shaft.

Albert Theodore Akridge, 22 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Akridge of Laddonia, was killed last Wednesday afternoon by a fall in a shaft where Bob Ferris is prospecting for coal on the old Luther Moss tract of land in south Laddonia. The shaft was about 60 feet deep.

A blast had been set off about three o'clock in the afternoon and two hours later young Akridge went down to see about proceeding with the work. It is supposed that the gas and smoke had not yet all gotten out. He soon signaled to be drawn up. When within about 20 feet of the top the horse stopped, as it always did when anything went wrong with the basket, and it is supposed that then the boy fell out, about 40 feet, while so near the top and safety. His brother, Giller, in his excitement undertook to go down after him and came near losing his life also.

Theodore was a harmless, inoffensive boy and we are pained to hear of his sudden taking away. The funeral was preached Friday at the home by Rev. H. B. Rice.

## Among the Old Boys.

J. B. Ferguson, of the Herald, Lock Springs, Mo., was in Mexico last Saturday and made the Message a pleasant call. He was a citizen of Mexico years ago and set type on the Intelligencer when it was owned by John W. Jacks and J. F. Hutton. His aunt, Mrs. Nancy G. Stone, who died recently in Maysville, Ky., an account of which appeared in the Message at the time, was the first white woman who ever lived in Mexico. At her death she was near 100 years of age. She was a relative of Mrs. J. D. Inlow, now living at Pomona, Cali.

Mr. Ferguson was able to find only three persons here whom he used to know, Wick Mason, Dock Graham and Mark Pilcher; Al Bodine, the colored barber, should also be included in this list. He remembers E. D. Graham when he was a member of a cornet band here in 1862. Graham was the best looking fellow in the bunch. By the way, Mexico could afford a luxury then she can not afford now in a cornet band.

Mr. Ferguson well remembers many of our old citizens who have been called to the world beyond; among them: Ben Johnson, Ben Cauthorn, J. D. Morris, Ben Dohy, and others. He remembers the spot in Mexico where Gen. U. S. Grant was camped during the Civil War. Ferguson is one of the old type of citizenship and is an interesting fellow to meet.

## Mr. Dugan Dead.

Mr. Michael Dugan, 80 years of age, died in a hospital in St. Louis last Sunday of blood poisoning. Some weeks ago he became a sufferer from an ingrown toenail. The whole foot became diseased and about two weeks since his leg was amputated below the knee. His suffering lead to his death.

Deceased is survived by four children, as follows: Wm. Dugan, of St. Louis; Miss Hannah Dugan and Mrs. Hoberty, of Kansas City; and Mrs. J. R. Gilgore of this county.

The Laddonia Herald says that J. N. Trexell of near Wellsville has bought the Wm. McKinley farm of 160 acres, 1 mile north of Laddonia, at \$62.50 per acre. He will move to it soon.

Buck Williams, colored, section hand on the Wabash railroad, was struck by a train near the Ico Plant Thursday morning last and was badly bruised in the head, back and legs.

## A VALUABLE SUGGESTION.

A Historical Society for Audrain County.

Mexico, Mo., Oct. 9, 1909.

Mr. Editor:

In his address at Laddonia last Thursday, the 7th inst., our distinguished and much loved representative in Congress, Hon. Champ Clark, struck a responsive chord which has been ringing in my ears for a number of months. Mr. Clark suggests the organization of a Historical Society in each county in the State. This is good and should be carried out. But having spent nearly twenty years of my life in old Audrain, I am of course more interested in the history and the preservation of the history of this county, and for a number of months have been wanting to respectfully suggest to history and reminiscence lovers of this county, through the courtesy of the county press, the advisability and desirability of organizing and incorporating a permanent body for the purpose of chronicling and preserving the past and current history of Audrain county. This could be done by papers prepared on the various topics by the members of the society and read at the meetings, say annually or semi-annually, and thus a very pleasant time be enjoyed by the members, while doing a valuable service to the cause of history and future generations in this great county and state. These prepared papers would of course be recorded in the permanent record of the society.

Who is not interested in the sturdy old pioneers who received this land from Uncle Sam, conquered the wilderness and brought it into civilized form? Shall their names, their heroism, their history, sink into oblivion and be lost through the carelessness of an unappreciated and ungrateful posterity?

Audrain has produced and claimed many good and great men and women, whose works live, and will continue to live after them. Shall their records and history perish by reason of indifference or shall it be preserved in an intelligent form?

The history of old families of the county, particular individuals of note, officers of the county, organization of the towns, enterprises and achievements of men and women of the county, would all make interesting reading.

With a membership that the society ought to have the payment of a pittance from all would with our advanced art of printing, enable the society to print its work in a series of volumes for the benefit of its members.

Such an organization should be entirely void of any narrow or sectional spirit, and its membership should be composed of interested citizens from every portion of the county.

Ladies should be eligible to membership as well as men.

It is a well known fact, Mr. Editor, that newspapers usually take the lead in matters of general interest. I feel certain that the discussion of such an organization in your paper both editorially and from correspondents, would be of interest, and it is much hoped that a goodly number of Audrain county people will meet and organize. If not asking too much of the reader will you not, if interested, express yourself by postal card or otherwise to a county newspaper man who will doubtless be glad to publish the interview or general sentiment and thus aid in establishing such an organization in our county?

Very respectfully,  
H. P. Warden.

A. O. Alexander of Laddonia has bought an automobile.

## City Marshall Kemp Dead.

W. Robert Kemp, City Marshal, died last Wednesday night, at 8:15 o'clock, after an illness of a week of pneumonia.

Deceased was a native of Callaway county, born July 4, 1841. He was never married. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Hop, James and Ammon Kemp, and Mrs. Wm. Canterbury, Mrs. G. T. Hook and Mrs. Nannie Saunders. Deceased was greatly devoted to his mother, who died about 12 months ago.

Mr. Kemp joined the Confederacy and served thru the Civil War, taking part in many important engagements in the South. He met many of his old comrades in arms at the late Confederate reunion held in Mexico. For many years he served as police officer of Mexico. He joined the Christian church in 1874 under the preaching of Eld. W. H. Hook, who was called on to preach his funeral held at the Mexico Christian church Friday morning at 10 o'clock, after which the body was taken to Rock Hill cemetery, south of Worcester, for burial.

The news of his death was announced Wednesday night by the ringing of the City Hall bell. Deceased had life insurance for \$1,000 and was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge.

Deceased was widely known and many friends will mourn his death.

John R. Brown, southwest of Mexico, has one of the finest looking wheat fields in that neighborhood.



"The New Preacher."

The Rev. H. I. Cobb was recently returned to the Mexico Circuit of the M. E. Church, South, by the annual conference at Savannah, whereupon the above picture, with the words in quotation below it, was printed in the "Circuit Rider," published by the said Rev. Cobb. It is Bro. Cobb's third year on this work; he is the new preacher all right, and the old one too. He preaches at Littleby, northeast of Mexico; Bethel, in the Champ neighborhood; at Bethlehem, 12 miles northwest of Mexico, and at Trinity, five miles northwest of Mexico.

He is a very popular fellow and the brethren were very happy to have "the new preacher" returned. They showed their appreciation in a substantial way just last week. On Thursday a bright new buggy, of the Velie Carriage Co. make of Moline, Ill., was delivered at Bro. Cobb's home as a present from his parishioners, a complete surprise to the preacher. Ferris & Cauthorn say it was paid for and that is all the brother has been told about it.

He is "The New Preacher" worth while.

**Mexico Savings Bank**  
Capital and Surplus, \$150,000.00  
40th Year in Business  
W. W. Fry, Pres.  
Sam Locke, Cashier.